

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 23, 24, 27-29, 32-34, 37-39, 42-44 and 47-51 are pending in the present application. Claims 20, 27, 32, 37 and 42 have been amended by the present amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing this application with Applicants' representative on June 5, 2009. During the interview, the differences between the present invention and the applied art were discussed. No agreement was reached pending the Examiner's further review and update search. Comments presented during the interview are reiterated below.

In particular, independent claim 20 has been amended to clarify that selectively recording the seamless presentation information for a corresponding object only when the current object is to be presented seamlessly with the previous object based on a result of the determination. Independent claims 27, 32, 37 and 42 have also been amended to include similar features. The independent claims also recited that the seamless presentation data includes a last system clock reference field of a former of two successive objects and a first system clock reference of a latter of the two successive objects (these features were added in the previously filed amendment). These features are supported at least by Figs. 7A and 7B and the corresponding description in the present application.

As discussed during the interview, Taira et al. is directed to handling movies in which the camera angles are changed. The seamless angles described in Taira et al. correspond to when the angle of the camera is changed (i.e., a different camera is selected) to show a continuous scene.

The non-seamlessly angles in Taira et al. correspond to an identical scene that is captured by different cameras. In Taira et al., the navigation data has the same structure and includes the same amount of information (see, for example, Figures 13 and 19 in Taira et al., in which the “navigation” information includes the same number of symbols related to the contents). There is no reduction in the amount of navigation data in Taira et al.

In addition, combining Taira et al. with Kashiwagi et al. will result in the seamless presentation information for a corresponding object being always recorded. Thus, it is respectfully submitted the combined references do not teach or suggest recording the seamless presentation information for a corresponding object only when the current object is to be presented seamlessly with the previous object based on a result of the determination.

Further, regarding the feature of the independent claims that was added in the previously filed response (i.e., that the seamless presentation data includes a last system clock reference field of a former of two successive objects and a first system clock reference of a latter of the two successive objects), it is respectfully submitted that in Taira et al., the seamless presentation information is going to include information about the different cameras used and not include the claimed seamless presentation data including a last system clock reference field of a former of two successive objects and a first system clock reference of a latter of the two successive objects.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 20, 27, 32, 37 and 42 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

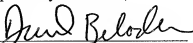
CONCLUSION

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David Bilodeau (Reg. No. 42,325) at 703-205-8072, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present Application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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